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Abstract of the Disclosure

A process for the resolution of enantiomeric mixtures of a chiral carboxylic acid, including an esterification reaction of the carboxylic acid in an organic solvent, in the presence of a stereoselective hydrolase, characterized in that an orthoester of the formula:  $R^1-C(OR^2)_3$ , in which  $R^1$  is selected from H and  $C_1-C_4$ alkyl and  $R^2$  is  $C_1-C_8$ alkyl or - $CH_2-C_{6-10}$ aryl, is used as the esterification reactive.